

**Introduced by Senator Maldonado**

February 16, 2005

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An act to add Section 21689 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to aeronautics, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 335, as introduced, Maldonado. Airport security, safety, and capacity grants.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Transportation Commission and requires the commission to adopt and submit to the Legislature an annual report that, among other things, identifies relevant transportation issues facing this state.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to implement recommendations regarding airport safety and security needs identified in the commission's 2001 annual report and also in the commission's 2003 and 2004 reports.

The bill would provide for an appropriation each year, from 2005 to 2009, inclusive, of \$15,000,000 by transferring that money from the General Fund to the Aeronautics Account in the State Transportation Fund, for expenditure by the Department of Transportation, without regard to fiscal years, as grants to publicly owned general aviation airports for security, safety, and capacity needs, as determined by the department.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 21689 is added to the Public Utilities  
2 Code, to read:

3 21689. In order to address airport security, safety, and  
4 capacity needs, it is the intent of the Legislature to implement  
5 certain recommendations made by the California Transportation  
6 Commission regarding Aviation Issues—The State’s Role in  
7 Aviation, as set forth in Section J of Volume I of the California  
8 Transportation Commission 2001 Annual Report to the  
9 Legislature, as adopted on December 13, 2001, and revalidated in  
10 the 2003 and 2004 annual reports of the California  
11 Transportation Commission.

12 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government  
13 Code, commencing on July 15, 2005, and each July 15 thereafter,  
14 until and including July 15, 2009, the sum of fifteen million  
15 dollars (\$15,000,000) is hereby annually transferred from the  
16 General Fund to the Aeronautics Account in the State  
17 Transportation Fund for expenditure from that account by the  
18 Department of Transportation, without regard to fiscal years, as  
19 grants to publicly owned general aviation airports for security,  
20 safety, and capacity needs. For purposes of this section, the  
21 disbursement of these funds shall be administered in accordance  
22 with Sections 21680 to 21688, inclusive, of the Public Utilities  
23 Code. The money appropriated pursuant to this section shall also  
24 be used to reimburse the Department of Transportation for the  
25 administrative costs of complying with this section.

26 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
27 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety  
28 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go  
29 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

30 In order to make available as soon as possible funds for  
31 security, safety, and capacity needs at publicly owned general  
32 aviation airports, thereby preserving the public peace, health, and  
33 safety, it is necessary that this bill take immediate effect.

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